CITY OF LONG BEACH CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "AAA"

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY AUDITOR TO CONDUCT PERFORMANCE AUDITS AND TO CLARIFY THE CITY AUDITOR'S ACCESS TO CITY RECORDS

On August 7, 2018, the Long Beach City Council placed Measure "AAA" on the ballot. The measure proposes to amend Long Beach City Charter Sections 803 and 806, relating to the duties of the City Auditor and clarifying the City Auditor's access to City records.

Long Beach City Charter Section 803, "Duties of the City Auditor," currently provides that the City Auditor "shall be the general auditor of the City and of every department, commission and office thereof." The proposed measure would specifically authorize the City Auditor to "conduct performance audits of City departments, boards, commissions and offices. Performance audits are defined as independent assessments of programs, functions, operations, or management designed to enhance performance, cost savings, efficiency or service improvements."

Long Beach City Charter Section 806, "Copies of Reports and Contracts," currently provides for the City Auditor to be provided copies of City reports and contracts within ten days after execution, to be furnished with a copy of all reports of a financial nature prepared by any department, commission, office or agency of the City, and to have the right of immediate access to all financial records of the City in the performance of his or her duties. The proposed measure would provide that the City Auditor "shall have timely access to all City records including but not limited to financial records, contracts, documents, systems, files, property and other internal records, unless restricted or prohibited by law."

Measure "AAA" requires simple majority approval of Long Beach voters to pass. If Measure "AAA" does not pass, the current Charter provision will remain in effect.

A "Yes" vote will approve Measure "AAA".

A "No" vote will not approve Measure "AAA".

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "AAA". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (562) 570-6101 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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